

SENATE BILL 2868

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3; Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1 and Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, relative to teacher training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5631(d), is amended by adding the following new sentence at the end of the subsection:

Also to be considered at these joint meetings shall be proposals and methods to better train prospective teachers in actual classroom situations and experiences so as to better prepare incoming teachers for the reality of the classroom environment and thereby reduce attrition of new teachers.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5604, is amended by deleting the first sentence of the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

A student shall spend a significant portion of two (2) academic semesters involved in classroom observation and teaching. The observation shall begin in the sophomore year, unless the student has transferred from a two-year institution with which the teacher training institution has a transfer agreement, but which two-year institution has no programs of classroom observation or student teaching.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.